# *The Lord* Churchill's LETTER *to the* KING.

SIR,

SInce Men are ſeldom ſuſpected of Sincerity when they act contrary to their Intereſts; and thô my dutiful Behaviour to your Majeſty in the worſt of times, (for which I acknowledg my poor Services much overpaid) may not be ſufficient to encline You to a charitable Interpretation of my Actions, yet I hope, the great Advantage I enjoy under Your Majeſty, which I can never expect in any other Change of Government, may reaſonably convince Your Majeſty and the World, that I am acted by a higher Principle, when I offer that Violence to my Inclination, and Intereſt, as to deſert Your Majeſty at a time when Your Affairs ſeem to challenge the ſtricteſt Obedience from all Your Subjects, much more from one who lies under the greateſt perſonal Obligations imaginable to Your Majeſty. This, Sir, could proceed from nothing but the inviolable Dictates of my Conſcience, and neceſſary concern for my Religion (which no good Man can oppoſe) and with which I am inſtructed, nothing ought to come in competition; Heaven knows with what partiality my dutiful Opinion of Your Majeſty hath hitherto repreſented thoſe unhappy Deſigns, which inconſiderate and ſelf-intereſted Men have framed againſt Your Majeſty's true Intereſt and the Proteſtant Religion. But as I can no longer joyn with ſuch to give a pretence by Conqueſt to bring them to effect, ſo will I always with the hazard of my Life and Fortune (ſo much Your Majeſties due) endeavour to preſerve Your Royal Perſon and Lawful Rights with all the tender Concern and dutiful Reſpect that becomes, Sir,

*Your Majeſties Moſt dutiful and*
*moſt obliged Subject and Servant.*